

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Who were they & background	Called Levi, one of the 12 disciples Lived in Capernaum of Galilee Was initially tax-collector	One of the 70 Apostles  Preached with Paul, Peter, and Barnabas  Many events took place in his mother's house, "the upper room"	One of the 70 Apostles, was a companion of Paul Born in Antioch, Syria and was of Greek origin Was a physician	One of the 12 Disciples  Born in Bethsaida in Galilee  The youngest and one of the closest to the Lord and outlived all the Apostles
Date written	Around the 70s A.D.	Between the mid 50s-and late 60s A.D. The first Gospel written	Between 60-80s A.D.	Around 90 A.D.  The last Gospel to be written
Place written	Judea-Palestine	Rome	Rome?	Ephesus (Asia Minor)
Audience	Jews	Romans, Gentiles	Mainly addressed to Greeks/Gentiles	Christians throughout the world
# of chapters	28 Chapters	16 Chapters – Shortest, but with longest narratives	24 Chapters	21 Chapters
Opening	Genealogy of Jesus	"Voice crying in the wilderness"	Zachariah serving as a priest / offering incense	"In the beginning was the Word"
Symbol	Face of a man	Lion	Calf	Eagle
Portraying of Christ	The Messiah who fulfilled the OT prophecies	The Mighty and Conqueror of the devil	The Son of Man and Sacrifice	The Divine Son of God and the Incarnate Word.
Highlights	Jesus' sermons & words	Showing the power of God through miracles	Jesus' parables	The principles of Jesus' teachings and divinity
Unique Narratives/ Stories	Wise Men visit Jesus, Flight to Egypt, Beatitudes	Since Matthew and Luke's Gospels were based on Mark's, most of his material is also mentioned in other Gospels.	Annunciation and Visitation, Parable of the Prodigal Son	Nine "I am" statements, Raising of Lazaraus, The Samaritan Woman

